

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Monday, October 14, 2019
Boone County Courthouse, Boone, Iowa

Members present: Marilyn Jordan, Molly Ketchum, Jennifer Schieltz, Al Treloar
Employees present: Ex. Dir. Scheuermann

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Motion to approve agenda by Ketchum, 2nd by Treloar, Passed.

Motion to approve minutes of September 9, 2019 meeting by Treloar, 2nd by Ketchum. Passed.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann reviewed financial information and bills for the month. Ketchum moved and Treloar seconded a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$14,090.49. Passed.

Old business:

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann gave an update on the Highway 30 and E-26 boat ramps, which were recently repaired. FEMA recommended we configure a new MOU with the city of Boone for the E-26 ramp. The city of Boone is currently responsible for 50% of the costs, but had not budgeted for this. Ex. Dir. Scheuermann is attending the City of Boone Parks Commission meeting right after this meeting tonight and will discuss this issue with them.

New Business:

Scheuermann read a proposed resolution for a Federal Recreation Trails Grant – City of Boone to High Trestle Trail: Phase 1. The wording of this resolution is the same as last year and just needs renewed. Ketchum motioned and Treloar seconded to approve the resolution.

Scheuermann gave an update on the Iowa 4-H Clover Woods Camp which is up for sale. A number of conservation-friendly groups are interested in purchasing some of the land, but funding and the short time frame to submit bids are major issues. Therefore, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF) is considering putting in a bid for some or all of the parcels and then holding the land in trust until the various other groups can get funding to buy and take over parcels. Ex. Dir. Scheuermann spoke with INHF and mentioned that the Conservation Board is possibly interested in acquiring some of the land, including the main camp portion, in the future. At this point, we are waiting to hear back from INHF about their appraisals and how they plan to proceed (if they plan to acquire any of the land).

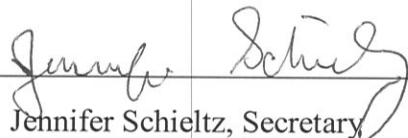
Open Discussion: Scheuermann received a call from Alliant energy today saying that they will be doing a lot of work in Madrid next spring and want to use an area of county property near the High Trestle Trail and the Heartland Co-op on the east side of town for a staging area. We are awaiting more info and this may be on the agenda to discuss at a future meeting.

High Trestle Trail lighting is becoming an expensive issue, as lights keep going out and are expensive to replace or have been discontinued. The board discussed needing to look into different replacement lighting for the future.

Other updates from Ex. Dir. Scheuermann: Eric started working on the new bait shop at Don Williams. Blayne has been working on some crack sealing down at the High Trestle trail. Katie Healy is continuing her naturalist programs and will give us an update at the next meeting.

Treloar moved and Ketchum seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:43 pm. Passed.


Marilyn Jordan, Chair


Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary